


EXHIBIT A

**BUDAPEST TREATY ON THE INTERNATIONAL
RECOGNITION OF THE DEPOSIT OF MICROORGANISMS
FOR THE PURPOSES OF PATENT PROCEDURE**

INTERNATIONAL FORM

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VIABILITY STATEMENT
issued pursuant to Rule 10.2 by the
INTERNATIONAL DEPOSITARY AUTHORITY
identified at the bottom of this page

I. DEPOSITOR	II. IDENTIFICATION OF THE MICROORGANISM
Name: Robert Koch-Institut Nordufer 20 Address: 13353 Berlin	Accession number given by the INTERNATIONAL DEPOSITARY AUTHORITY: DSM ACC2539 Date of the deposit or the transfer: 2002-04-09
III. VIABILITY STATEMENT	
The viability of the microorganism identified under II above was tested on 2002-04-09 On that date, the said microorganism was <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (x) viable <input type="checkbox"/> () no longer viable	
IV. CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE VIABILITY TEST HAS BEEN PERFORMED	
V. INTERNATIONAL DEPOSITARY AUTHORITY	
Name: DSMZ-DEUTSCHE SAMMLUNG VON MIKROORGANISMEN UND ZELLKULTUREN GmbH Address: Mascheroder Weg 1b D-38124 Braunschweig	Signature(s) of person(s) having the power to represent the International Depositary Authority or of authorized official(s):  Date: 2002-04-16

- Indicate the date of original deposit or, where a new deposit or a transfer has been made, the most recent relevant date (date of the new deposit or date of the transfer).
 * In the cases referred to in Rule 10.2(a) (ii) and (iii), refer to the most recent viability test.
 * Mark with a cross the applicable box.
 * Fill in if the information has been requested and if the results of the test were negative.

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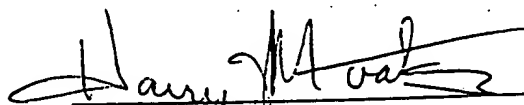
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